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SUBJ: ICAO COUNCIL CONSIDERATION PROBLEMS RE NEW HEADQUARTERS
BUILDING

1. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS FEBRUARY 2 BROUGHT IRATE COMMENTS AND CRITICISM RELATING TO MANY SERIOUS (AND SOME DANGEROUS) INADEQUACIES. MOST DISCUSSION RELATED TO ELEVATORS. DURING DISCUSSION SECRETARIAT RECONFIRMED THAT INSTALLATION OF ELEVATORS ORIGINALLY WAS BY COMPANY THAT DOES NOT WORK IN THIS AREA, IS NOT WELL RECOGNIZED AND THAT STRIKE OF ELECTRICIANS AT THAT TIME HAD LED TO PROVEN INCIDENTS OF SABOTAGE. DISCUSSIONS RELATING TO ELEVATORS LED TO SERIOUS CRITICISM RELATING TO LOCATION CAFETERIA WHICH IS BETWEEN MEETING ROOMS AND DELEGATION OFFICES BUT IS MOSTLY USED BY SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL LOCATED ABOVE BOTH. MUCH CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM WAS OFFERED AND SUGGESTIONS ARE TO BE FOLLOWED UP BY SECGEN AND STAFF.

2. DISCUSSIONS BROUGHT TO LIGHT FACT THAT "OWNER" IS SUEING GOVERNMENT OF CANADA (NO DETAILS AND CAN REP FELT OBLIGED NOT TO COMMENT BECAUSE OF LITIGATION); ICAO HAS NO LEGAL RECOURSE BECAUSE IT IS IO. WHEN PRESIDENT READ "ARBITRATION CLAUSE" FROM LEASE, MEXICO REP INSISTED ON OPINION BY LEGAL BUREAU REGARDING WHETHER OR NOT
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THERE IS ANY ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY RELEVANT TO ARBITRATION DECISION. OPINION WILL BE GIVEN IN WRITING.

3. ARGENTINE REP GAVE FIRM ONE SENTENCE INTERVENTION SAYING "IT IS TIME FOR ICAO TO CONSIDER CHANGING ITS LOCATION."

4. FYI: US REP HAS BEEN KEEPING AN ACCOUNT OF TIME WASTED

IN CONNECTION WITH ELEVATORS PROBLEM. ON AVERAGE IT TAKE 10 O/O
OF REPS TIME: WAITING FOR ELEVATORS (10-15 MINUTES) GOING UP
AND DOWN STAIRWELL, BEING STUCK IN ELEVATORS, WAITING ON
ELEVATORS WHILE SECRETARIAT CLERKS HOLD ELEVATORS AND CHAT
AT CAFETERIA ENTRANCE, WAITING ON ELEVATORS WHILE FREIGHT
AND CUMBERSOME MAIL CARTS COME ON OR OFF, ETC.

5. PROBLEM IS NO LONGER FUNNY. GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
LITIGATION INVOLVES MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND COUNCIL IS AT
POINT OF CONSIDERING SOME FAIRLY DRASTIC MEASURES.
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